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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS

TO EXAMINE UNESCO DRAFT RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING EDUCATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND PEACE AND EDUCATION RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, PARIS APRIL 29 - MAY 8, 1974

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1. BY MAY 4, 1974, SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAD VOTED ON AND ADOPTED ALL PROVISIONS OF SUBJECT RECOMMENDATION. THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET MAY 6 AND 7, 1974, TO PREPARE FINAL TEXT AND REPORT WHICH ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PLENARY ON MAY 8, 1974. NO REAL SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN THE TEXT OF SUBSTANTIALLY REWRITTEN INSTRUMENT ARE ANTICIPATED SINCE DRAFTING COMMITTEE'S (COMPOSED OF CHIEF DELEGATES OF COLOMBIA, FRANCE, U.S., U.S.S.R., PLUS RAPPORTEUR (U.K.) AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (MEXICO) ROLE IN THIS INSTANCE IS LIMITED TO MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF STYLE.

2. THE INSTRUMENT ADOPTED THUS FAR CONTAINS
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NO PROVISIONS WHICH U.S. DELEGATION REGARDS AS UNACCEP-

TABLE OR SERIOUSLY OBJECTIONABLE. COMPARED WITH THE SECRETARIAT TEXT (DOC. ED/MD/32), THE REVISED TEXT IS SHORTER, MORE CONCISE IN ITS SPECIFICATIONS OF EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES; CONTAINS REFERENCE TO INTERCULTURAL AND GLOBAL DIMENSIONS OF EDUCATION MISSING IN SECRETARIAT DRAFT; PRESENTS BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN EDUCATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION; AND ITS DIRECTIONS TO MEMBER STATES CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MORE SATISFACTORY THAN SECRETARIAT TEXT IN TAKING ACCOUNT OF U.S. FEDERAL/STATE CONCERNS. U.S. DELEGATION FAILED, DESPITE STRONG EFFORTS, TO MAKE INSTRUMENT REFLECT TO A GREATER DEGREE THAN DID THE SECRETARIAT TEXT, U.S. CONCERNS FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. HOWEVER, U.S. DELEGATION FRUSTRATED REPEATED EFFORTS TO WEAKEN THE PRINCIPLE.

3. U. S. DELEGATION SUCCEEDED IN DEFEATING EFFORTS BY SOVIET BLOC TO INCLUDE IN THE INSTRUMENT REFERENCES TO "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE," TO "NACIZM, NEO-NACIZM AND ZIONISM," AND "ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, TO THE EXCLUSION OF ANY INTERFERENCE BY STATES IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS," AND TO SIMILAR IDEOLOGICALLY LOADED PHRASES. U. S. DELEGATION ALSO SUCCEEDED IN REMOVING OR AT LEAST NEUTRALIZING SOME TERMINOLOGY IN SECRETARIAT'S TEXT THAT, FROM U.S. PROSPECTIVE, SEEMED IDEOLOGICALLY IMBALANCED.

4. THESE RESULTS WERE ACHIEVED IN LENGTHY BEHIND THE SCENE NEGOTIATIONS WITH VARIOUS DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY U.S.S.R., AND THROUGH FORMAL SUBMISSION OF OUR AMENDMENTS (36 OF TOTAL OF 167). DESPITE POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE ASPECT OF SOME OF THEM, U.S. DELEGATION SUCCEEDED IN WORKING OUT ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISES THAT AVOIDED THE OVERT POLITIZATION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S WORK AND BITTER IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATIONS.

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